

Austin Police Department Auto Theft/Burglary of Vehicle Crime Statistics

Information obtained from APD Property Crime Statistics (April 1, 2013 to April 30, 2013)

Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts
Year to Date 2012	Year to Date 2013	% Year to Date Change
775	712	-8%
Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle
Year to Date 2012	Year to Date 2013	% Year to Date Change
4,395	4,041	-8%

Major patterns for auto thefts during the month of April 2013 were:

- Trucks: 13 cases - significant decrease compare to 29 the month of March
- Hondas: 32 cases (mid 90's), significant increase compare to 16 the month of March
- Motorcycles: 19 cases – significant increase compare to 8 during the month of March
- In 40% of auto thefts, keys were used to steal the vehicles (keys left in vehicle, lost keys, etc)

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CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

- Lock your car and take your keys even if your only gone a few seconds – remember it only takes a few seconds to steal a vehicle.
- Invest in vehicle and motorcycle deterrents – wheel locks, steering lock, tracking device, kill switch, etc.
- Don't be a victim to Carjacking – never sit in your parked or stopped vehicle while eating, sleeping, or texting for a long period.



<http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/auto-theft>